

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 84-114 are pending in the present case. As noted above, in response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 84-90, drawn to a material linked to a solid support, wherein said material has a particular structure as set forth in claim 1 and having a fluorogenic moiety. In response to the Species Election, Applicants further elect, for purposes of examination, the embodiment wherein R¹⁵ is an amine protecting group. Claims readable on this elected species include claim 84, 85, 86, 89 and 90 of Group I. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that as stated in MPEP § 809.02(a), "[u]pon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR § 1.141" (*see*, page 6 of the Restriction Requirement).

The foregoing election of Group I, claims 84-90, is made with traverse. Examination of the subject matter recited in the claims of Groups I-VI would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. In fact, the previous Examiner handling this case was considering all of the pending claims together in the present case. In addition, in the parent case, *i.e.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,680,178, the Examiner examined all of the originally filed claims (*i.e.*, claims 1-83) in a single case, all of which issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,680,178. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 84-114 together in the present case.

CONCLUSION

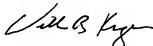
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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